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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

1. 1974-75 WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PLANNING TRIP TO SEVERAL AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES DURING PERIOD JULY 18 TO AUGUST 11. GROUP HAD NOT ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO STOP IN CAIRO. HOWEVER, OWING TO SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES WHICH NECESSITATE DROPPING VISIT TO ALGERIA, PLUS FACT TRANSIT OF CAIRO NECESSARY, GROUP WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE EGYPT ON

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2. GROUP CONSISTS OF 15 FELLOWS PLUS DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. HOTEL REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE FOR 7 DOUBLES AND THREE SINGLES. EXACT DATE OF STOP IN CAIRO NOT RPT NOT YET FIRM. TRAVEL WOULD BE BY COMMERCIAL AIR.

3. PURPOSE OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS IS TO PROVIDE GIFTED AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED YOUNG AMERICANS (AGES 27 TO 35) WITH FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE IN PROCESS OF GOVERNING NATION. FELLOWS COME FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA OR CAREER ARMED SERVICES AND ARE ASSIGNED TO WHITE HOUSE STAFF OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CABINET OFFICERS. TRIP PROVIDES FIRST-HAND VIEW OF PROBLEMS

AND CONCERNS HOST COUNTRIES AND HOPEFULLY WILL INCLUDE HIGH LEVEL, CHIEF OF STATE/GOVERNMENT CONTACTS.

4. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF MEANINGFUL (2-DAY, OR SO) PROGRAM FOR FELLOWS INCLUDING CONTACT HIGH LEVEL EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE IS NOT RPT NOT MUCH CHANCE OF MEETING WITH SADAT HIMSELF. ALTERNATIVELY, IF ABOVE NOT POSSIBLE, COULD HOTEL REQUIREMENTS BE MET IN TIME FRAME NOTE ABOVE AND TOURIST TYPE PROGRAMMING ARRANGED?

5. IF RESPONSE TO EITHER ALTERNATIVE POSITIVE, DETAILS OF ITINERARY WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP. INGERSOLL

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